

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: January 15, 2015

Agenda Item: Fishing Access Site Biennial Rule

Division: Fisheries

Action Needed: Proposed

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 minutes

Background

FWP is recommending that the Commission propose a Fishing Access Site (FAS) Biennial Rule for FWP fishing access sites. The rule pertains to:

- Fees (camping, group use permits, facility rentals, special recreation permits)
- Stipulations on camping at fishing access sites
- Group Use Permit requirements (groups of more than 30 people)
- Special Recreation Permit requirements (permit system in place on the Blackfoot and Madison rivers for commercial use, competitive events, organized group activities)

The new rule would replace the current FAS Annual Rule, which was adopted by the Commission in February 2014. The proposed rule doesn't contain any changes to the current rule.

Public Involvement Process & Results

Upon approval of the proposed rule by the Commission, FWP will announce and conduct a public comment period. This will be advertised through statewide and regional press releases.

Alternatives & Analysis

The Commission could choose to make amendments to the proposed rule before seeking public comment.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends that the Commission propose the FAS Biennial Rule as presented. The department has not identified the need for any changes to the rule at this time.

Proposed Motion

I move that the Commission propose a Fishing Access Site Biennial Rule and seek public comments.